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PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to bring attention to one example that was brought out to my attention of a person who was treated by a chiropractor for aches and pains and, after final diagnosis, it turned out to be diabetes was the cause of these aches and pains without a physician treating him. And this circumstance and some of these are the reasons for labor and management, both, to oppose including chiropractors as physicians and I think the primary receivers of this bill, the people paying for it, between labor and management, should get primary consideration and have it written in language that they both agreed to. They are the people paying for this bill and I think labor and management ought to get a first on this score and proceed without the word "chiropractor". I would assume that we will get a separate vote both on the amendment regarding chiropractors and the Committee amendments, is this correct?

PRESIDENT: As a matter of fact, the matter before the house is the amendment to the amendment involving chiropractors. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Of course, I am one of those fellows that has used a lot of chiropractors in my life, but I want to know one thing and I'm--the amendment to the amendment, here's what I want to know. What we are now voting on, are we voting to put chiropractors in or out? It seems like I just--

PRESIDENT: The matter before the house is to put chiropractors in.

SENATOR SYAS: In, so that the person could go there first.

PRESIDENT: And select them, yes, initially, rather than being referred. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to oppose the amendment to the amendment. The issue was heard in whole in the Labor Committee and the Committee agreed that in order to get the important issue at hand involved, and that is, the right of physician, that this was the way to do it rather than approaching a subject that is much broader than this. This is an issue that refers to a hundred different areas and, if the Legislature wishes to approach interpretation, definition of doctors, physicians, and so forth, this is not the bill to do it with. I think the bill had some great support both from labor and management, as pointed out. I think the bill is well on its way to being a success, if, if we make sure we don't clutter it with issues that might confuse it. I would hope that we would reject the amendment except the Committee amendments and move the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, are we discussing now the inclusion of chiropractic or the exclusion. Which ever way, I can discuss that issue, can't I?

PRESIDENT: Yes. We have before us an amendment to the Committee amendment which would include chiropractors along side physicians, osteopaths, and so forth.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am in favor of this inclusion. I listened to what Senator Cavanaugh said and it's peculiar to me. We're not talking